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TWO CENTS.

CHARGE OF TREASON

Great Excitement in Transvaal Over Arrest of British Subjects.

FORMER OFFICERS OF THE QUEEN

Alleged to Have Been Found With Incriminating Documents.

TAKEN IN BY DETECTIVES

PRETORIA, Transvaal Republic, May 16. -The arrest at Johannesburg early this morning of seven alleged former British officers, named Nicholls, Patterson, Tremlett, Ellis, Fries, Hooper and Mitchell, on the charge of high treason, has caused intense excitement here. The prisoners were brought to Pretoria by special train. After they had been lodged in jail they were vis-

fted by the British diplomatic agent here. who joined the movement which it is asserted, was for the purpose of enrolling men in order to cause an outbreak of rebel-

Incriminating documents were found upon the prisoners, and it is expected that further arrests will be made.

LONDON, May 16.-The foregoing dispatch explains the telegram received by the Argus of Capetown today from Pretoria, saying that the Transvaal secretary of state confirmed the report that a number of unusual arrests had been made, and that it was rumored that the prisoners were British officers.

The advices from Johannesburg are also probably connected with a mysterious dispatch received at Johannesburg from Pretoria on May 12, saying a special train, fully equipped with Boer artillerymen, guns and a searchlight apparatus, was being held in readiness at the capital of the

The statement was then declared to be without significance; but today's news brings a more serious light on the movement, and it is certain there will be a great sensation in London when the news of the arrests becomes generally known.

The afternoon newspapers today print special dispatches from Cape Town saying seven men have been arrested at Johannes burg and have been taken to Pretoria. Th government of Cape Colony, it further ap pears, is considering the matter secretly.

Excitement in South Africa.

The newspaper has caused great excite ment throughout South Africa.

The Standard and Diggers' News, the from Pretoria which says that warrants were issued yesterday evening by the state attorney and were executed at midnight. The dispatch adds that a plot or rebellion

is alleged to have been maturing for four months, and that the accused, who are said to have been engaged by the South African League, had already enlisted two thousand

Cecil Rhodes, the former premier of Cape Colony, and resident director in South Africa Company, informs the Associated Press that he has heard nothing regarding the arrests made at Johannesburg, and that he knows nothing about the reason for which they were made

CAPETOWN, May 16.-The Argus of this city today publishes a dispatch from Pretoria, capital of the Transvaal, or South African republic, saying that P. W. Reitz the secretary of state, confirms the report that a number of unusual arrests have been made there, and that it is rumored the prisoners are British officers.

CENSUS SUPERVISORS Objection to the Non-Partisan Plan

by Southern Republicans. There is some objection being raised by southern republicans to the plan of the census bureau for the non-partisan distribution of census supervisors in the south. The bureau having adopted the plan of dividing the appointments between the parties, some of the republican politicians rialm that they should get all the apments. Senator Deboe of Kentucky ments. Senator Deboe of Kentucky is in Washington protesting against an appor-ionment being made to the democrats. The plan was for Senator Lindsay to name five and Senator Deboe six of the supervisors. Mr. Lindsay came here a day two ago to present his candidates, and was followed promptly by Mr. Deboe with a claim of the right to name the candidates. A conference has been held between the senators, but no agreement has been

The expectation now is that each senator will name candidates for all the places and it to the census bureau what is to be done in the matter.

RETURN OF GEN. ERNST.

Has Been Serving as Chief of Staff to Gen. Brooke.

Gen. O. H. Ernst, U. S. V., reported his arrival in the city to the War Department today from a term of service in Havana as chief of staff to Gen. Brooke, the military

governor of the island. Gen. Ernst is a lieutenant colonel, Corps of Engineers, and is well known here through his service as commissioner of pel-lic buildings and grounds during the ad-ministration of President Cleveland. At the conclusion of that administration he was appointed superintendent of the United States Military Academy and was on that at the outbreak of the Spanish war, he volunteered for active service in field and was appointed a brigadle general of volunteers. He command troops at various southern camps and sub-sequently took an active part in the Porto Rican campaign. When Gen. Brooke was assigned to the division of Cuba he se-lected Gen. Ernst as one of his assistants, he served there continuously up to a few days ago, when he was relieved unde orders for his honorable discharge from the volunteer army, to take effect June 1. Ernst's family resides in this city. and it is expected that Gen. Ernst will re-main with them until he has been given

some permanent assignment to duty in his own corps in the regular army. Prominent Oregonian Shot.

LOSTINE, Ore., May 16 .- Jno. A. Hunter, one of the most prominent men in this section, has been shot and killed by Mrs. G. R. Eliott, a near neighbor, who then com-mitted suicide by taking poison. The trag-edy was the result of a family feud.

Sad Home-Coming of Captain Buchan From Manila.

Young Kansas Woman Followed Her Husband to the Wars as a Stownway.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.-Capt. F. E. Buchan's return home from the Philippines on the United States transport Valencia was a sad one. He brings with him the body of his wife, who succumbed to the climate in the Philippines. Mrs. Buchan had been a bride but a few months.

When the Kansas regiment left home to fight its country's battle in the Philippines Capt. Buchan and his sweetheart, Miss Lucinda M. Smith of Lawrence, Kan., were engaged to be married. Separation was more than the two could bear, so with the exchange of letters came a determination to join their lot in the fortunes of

They were married and the young bride followed her soldier husband to San Francisco. Here the first cloud fell across their honeymoon. The officers were not permitted to have the company of their wives on the transports and separation seemed in-

But the Kansas girl had pluck. With the wife of another officer she became a stow-away on the Indiana, and although the government tried to prevent it, she jour-neyed as far as Honolulu on the way to Manila before she was parted from her husband. Though compelled to leave the transport she followed Capt. Buchan within a few days on the regular steamer and shared his lot up to the time of her death. Her body will be taken to Kansas for

WILL NOT CALL A CONVENTION.

Virginia State Executive Committee Gives Reason for Inaction.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., May 16.-Statements nade today by members of the democratic state executive committee remove all doubt as to the action that will be taken on the request of the senatorial conference for a onvention to nominate a senator.

The committee will decline to call the onvention, and says that inasmuch as the entire matter was discussed in the Roanoke convention and no change ordered, it would e improper for the committee to do so It will pass conservative resolutions and instruct the local committees to ascertain the sentiments of the people in the districts and to adopt such methods of instructing delegates to the legislature as they may deem proper. It is confidently expected that Representative Jones will announce himself as a candidate for senator as soon as the committee acts.

TITLED RUSSIAN CRIMINAL.

Maria Mershwizka Convicted of Pois-

oning Three Persons. ST. PETERSBURG, May 16.-A trial which has caused a great sensation here. owing to the high station of the prisoner, has just been concluded. The evidence dis closed that the accused, Maria Mershwizka a woman of noble birth, had led an extraordinary career of intrigue and crime.

found her guilty of poisoning her lover and two women, owing to jealusy; with kidraping a child and forging documents and bills of exchange. She was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude eria and to be deprived of her title

HARMONY IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY. McKisson and Holcomb Committees Asked to Get Together.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 16 .- A desper ate effort was made at a meeting of republicans last night to effect harmony in this county. After many hours of oratory which ended this morning, it was decided to ask the McKisson and Holcomb committees to call a mass convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention and to select a new county committee to be composed of one member from each ward

and township. meeting also decided that if these committees refused to call a mass conven-don such a convention should be called anyhow. In course of the meeting some decidedly pointed things were said about the McKisson committee of fifteen and some things that were not exactly pleasant was said about the Holcomb fellows. Ex Mayor McKisson was not present, but he had a shorthand man there, who took down every blessed word that was said.

MEET NEXT AT HOT SPRINGS. Baptist Conference Selects Its Next

Place of Meeting. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 16 .- Hot Springs has been chosen as the next place of meet-

ing of the Baptist conference, C. H. Winston of Virginia was elected president of the foreign mission board; Henry McDonald, president of the mission board, and F. E. Foulk of Tennessee, pres-

dent of the school house board. A resolution affirming the hostility of th onvention to the liquor traffic, and stating t as the sense of the delegates that no Saptist church should allow a dealer iquor in its congregation, was introduced.
This resolution upholds the action of a
Louisville Baptist church in turning out of is fold all members engaged in the traffi

f liquor. The resolution was amended to include only those dealing in liquor as a beverage, and in this shape it was adopted.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN FAVOR PEACE. Resolutions Passed at Ann Arbor

Favoring Meeting at Hague. ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 16.-The women of Michigan University held a mass meeting in Newberry Hall last night for the purpose of expressing their approval of the peace conference soon to be held at The Hague. Resolutions were passed with con-siderable enthusiasm indorsing the conference and politioning it for the establishment of an Aternational board of arbitra-The meeting was addressed by Presi-Angell, Prof. Vaughn and Miss Flor-

nce Crocker. PESTERED BY MENDICANTS.

Andrew Carnegie Seeks the Protec-

tion of His Highland Castle. LONDON, May 16.-Andrew Carnegie left London today for Skibo Castle. In an interview just published he is quoted as say-

"I am looking forward to protection in my highland solftude from the army of mendi-cants that every hour is importuning me for subscriptions to every conceivable ob-ject. Even were I disposed to accede to these applications for promiscuous assist-ance, my resources for philanthropy have already been fully hypothecated, and bombarding me with further appeals is simply adding to the postal revenue."

Prof. Ayers Goes to Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 16.-The trustees of the Cincinnati University have elected Prof. Howard Ayers of the University of Missouri to the presidency of the university, and fixed the salary at \$6,000 a

Fourth Immunes Now at Anchor in Offerings of Gas Stock Fall Short of Address to the People by the National New York Harbor.

They Will Start for Camp Meade Gossip in Regard to Future Per- How a Grateful Nation Can Show Some Time Tomorrow.

special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, May 16.-The United States transport Dixie, having on board the 4th United States Volunteer Infantry, known as the "4th Immunes," came into port from Manzanillo, Cuba, last night, and anchored in quarantine. She was promptly boarded by Health Officer Doty, who found a clean bill of health, and Col, James S. Pettitt, in command of the regiment, was informed that the vessel would be allowed to proceed in the morning, and that his men could be shipped to their destination-Camp Meade, Pa.-as soon as the necessary transportation could be had. The vessel had heached the quarantine station but a few hours inside of five days, the time limit placed by the health officer upon all vessels leaving Cuba. This morning completed the fifth day, and the vessel then raised anchor, came further into the upper bay and anchored off Liberty Island, where she now remains. The voyage was pleasant and substantially without incident. The men are all in

the best of health and spirits, and are filled with anxiety to reach their homes. Program for Tomorrow. According to the present program as announced at the army office in this city, the regiment will remain aboard the transport until tomorrow morning. Some time during

the morning the vessel will proceed to the New Jersey Central docks in Jersey City, and the men will be transferred by railroad to their destination. In the 4th Immunes there are five companies of District of Columbia boys, and he balance of the regiment was recruited from Virginia and the surrounding country. The District of Columbia soldiers are par-ticularly anxious to reach Camp Meade and pass through the formula of an official muster-out of the service of the United States. They have received some intima-

tion of the kind reception they will meet

with in Washington, and they are anxious to grasp the hands of kindred and friends and to sit at their own firesides once more.

Anxious to Get Home. It is supposed that the routine of mustering out will be completed as rapidly as possible, when the men, with two months' pay on account of their Cuban services and with provision for transportation and subsistence to the District of Columbia, will proceed homeward, where they will doff the ermy uniform and take on the habit of

The official report of the return of the 4th Regiment of Volunteer Infantry (imnes), five companies of which were re-ited in this vicinity, is contained in the following telegram received at the War De partment at a late hour last night:

QUARANTINE, Staten Island, May 15, 1899.
Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.:
Arrived off quarantine. All officers present for duty. Men in excellent condition: forty-five officers, 739 men. Corp. Daniel E. Hammend, Company G. Wheeling, died May 13; acute intestinal obstruction and

eritonitis; buried at sea. (Signed) PETFITT, Commanding. When released from quarantine this reginent will go to Camp Meade, Middletown,

Pa., to be mustered out. The officers, commissioned men and medial staff of the regiment are as follows: Staff officers-Colonel James S. Pettitt. Lieutenant Colonel George M. Cole, Major Theophilus Parker, Major Osmun Latrobe, First Lieutepant and Adjutant J. A. Noss Philip, First Lieutenant and Quartermaster Benjamin Stark, jr., Chaplain Samuel F. hapman, Major Henry H. Langdon (honrably discharged). Commissioned officers—First Lieutenant

George D. Barbour, Second Lieutenant Kent B. Browning, Captain Charles P. Newberry, First Lieutenant Abram Houghlan, Second eutenant Richard T. Ellis, Captain Rich-l P. Marshall, First Lieutenant William Peacock, Second Lieutenant Ed. H. Brian, laptain J. C. Jorgensen, First Lieutenan William H. Mellach, Second Lieutenant John M. Baldwin, Captain William H. Mon-First Lieutenant Edmund L. Wood-Second Lieutenant Jennings B. Wilson, Captain Adam C. Casson, First Lieutenant Anthony Holmead, Second Lieutenant James D. Keene, Captain Albert A. Franzheim, First Lieutenant Frederick R. Husemon, Second Lieutenant Elbert S. Maloney, Captain Lee M. Lipscomb, First Lieutenant James B. Adams, Second Lieu-tenant John N. Wright, Captain Neil P. Lieutenant Harry N. Cootes, Captain Hen-ry A. Wise, First Lieutenant John S. Wise, jr., Second Lieutenant Lawrence W. H. Peyton, Captain Hugh C. Preston, Lieutenant William B. Pr. Lieutenant John M. Baldwin. Preston, Second

Medical corps—Major H. Surgeon Joseph N. Henry, First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon Patrick J. McGrath, First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon S. Acting Assistant Surgeon Samuel P. Cottrell, Assistant Surgeon E. F. Horr, Hos-pital Steward Charles M. Small, Hospital Steward Allen H. Bowle, Hospital Steward

James S. Cannon. NOT AS THEY USED TO BE.

What Senator Lindsay Says of Polities in Kentucky.

"Things in old Kentucky are not like they sed to be," sighed Senator Lindsay today at the Riggs House, as he laid down a Louisville paper and gazed reminiscently into space.

"No, indeed; and I tell you the old-timers observe the change. Of course, I won't say that the change is not for the better, but, still, we remark the difference. We are having a very hot political campaign in the state, and the democrats are going at each other, hammer and tongs. They are calling each other all kinds of liars and horse thieves, so to speak, and apparently with perfect impunity. That's what is so sur-

prising.
"To tell your adversary that he is not speaking the truth is comparatively a mild procedure. It was not always the case that you could call a man a liar in Kentucky with impunity.

"But, would you believe it, sir, they don't seem to mind it at all in this campaign. Well, well, the mutations of time are wonderful.

Chaplain Swift Ordered to Manila. Chaplain Henry Swift, U. S. A., at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, has beeen ordered. upon the completion of such duty as may be assigned to him by the commanding general, department of California, to proceed to Manila, P. I., and report to the commanding general, department of the Pacific and 8th Army Corps, for assignment to duty as chaplain of one of the regular regiments serving in his command.

BRINGS BRIDE'S REMAINS WILL SOON BE HOME THE SALE NOT MADE A DEWEY HOME FUND

Control.

sonnel of Management.

FIVE COMPANIES FROM HERE A CHANGE PREDICTED RAPIDLY RAISING MONEY

The proposed gas deal has fallen through. This fact was announced in The Star yesterday and officially confirmed at the gas office this morning, where stockholders were informed that stock was not being received for deposit under the terms of the circular issued by Mr. John R. McLean and his associates, offering \$60 per share. This result was received with undisguised astonishment in local financial circles here, where it has been supposed all along that Mr. McLean had a "dead sure thing" on the control of the stock before he had decided to issue the circular to the stockholders.

It now turns out that this supposition was incorrect, but it was one which it is thought gave the main strength to the transaction from the beginning. It may be said that the stockholders, as a rule, had no stomach for the deal, but it was thought that a man of Mr. McLean's financial astuteness would not enter into such a transaction unless he was sure of carrying it through, and for

was sure of carrying it through, and for this reason it was supposed that by an agreement with the large stockholders ne practically had control of the stock.

The issue of the circular to the stockholders was explained by saying that the purchasers naturally desired to get as much of the stock as possible, and for this reason had issued a general invitation for the son had issued a general invitation for the stockholders to come in. It turns out, however, that this impression was entirely without foundation.

without foundation.

To say that people in local financial circles are surprised is putting it mildly. They are simply astounded at the turn of affairs, as they supposed it was a foregone conclusion that the deal would be made. Principally for this reason the stockholders who have consulted those supposed to be familiar with such matters as to whether they should accept the terms of the circular were advised to sell. It was pointed out to them that the change in the control of the company was bound to take place, and they would be left in the minority and would probably not get another opportunity to receive such a price for their stock.

It is stated, however, on good authority, that when those interested in behalf of the proposed purchasers at the close of business yesterday counted up the number of shares which had been deposited under the terms of the circular the total amounted to about 30,000 shares. It is still believed in some quarters that the swndigste accept is small to the terms of the circular the total amounted in some quarters that the syndigste accepts in the syndigste accept in some quarters that the syndigste accept in some quarters that the syndigste accepts in the simple to the syndigste accept in the syndigste accept in some quarters that the syndigste accept in the sundigste accept in the syndigste accept in the syndigste accept in the syndigste accept in the sundigste accept in the sundigste accept in the control to the syndigste accept in the sundigste accept in the sun

the terms of the circular the total amounted to about 30,000 shares. It is still believed in some quarters that the syndicate, as the prospective purchasers are termed, have enough stock, which, together with the number of shares deposited, would give them a control, but that such a total was so far below 87,000, the number mentioned in the circular, that they concluded not to in the circular, that they concluded not to

make the purchase.

It is also claimed that a few days ago the shares of stock on deposit was greater than the number at the close of business than the number at the close of business yesterday, as stockholders had sent in notices of withdrawal. However, it is thought that such withdrawels did not amount to 10,000 shares, and, on the suposition that the committee had no shares up their sleeves, as it is termed, their total holdings under the circular fell 25,000

hares short of a bare control. In view of the present situation and the vents which led up to it, the gossip in regard to the future of the company and its management is interesting. It is un-derstood that the Philadelphia stockholders who objected to the terms of the circular have expressed a willingness to co-operate with the Washington stockholders and others to bring about a change in the present

management of the company. It is even intimated that as soon as : show of strength can be demonstrated a request for the resignation of Mr. John R. McLean as president of the company will be made. As the annual election for directors does not occur until next February, it is not expected that a change in the board of directors will be made before that time, but if the opinion of those opposed to the recent proposed sale can be relied on as indicative of the sentiments of a majority of the stockholders, it is the intention to get rid of the president and members of the board of directors at as early a date as practicable.

PHILADELPHIA WANTS WARSHIPS.

Planning to Entertain G. A. R. Veter-

ans in September. A large delegation of representative citizens of Philadelphia called upon Secretary Long at the Navy Department this morning to present a request that the department co-operate as far as possible in the efforts Leary, First Lieutenant Thomas M. Clin-fon, Second Lieutenant Charles H. Dan-forth, Captain Charles C. Berkely, Second the week September 4 to 9 next. The delegation was headed by Mr. E. S. Cramp, and others present were J. H. Klemmer, harbormaster; C. W. Wesley Thomas, collector of the port; W. R. Tucker, port warden; City Councilman Elsworth Hultz, Maj. T. C. Prince, U. S. M. C.; Capt. E. D. Smith, G. A. R.; Capt. A. A. Clay, Daniel F. Kelly, Chief Engineer, R. S. Callum, United States revenue cutter service, and J. F. Mackey, commander of the Naval

Veterans. These persons asked the Secretary to as These persons asked the Secretary to assemble the warships of the north Atlantic squadron in the Delaware opposite Philadelphia during the encampment, and to open the navy yard at League Island to visitors. They also desired the presence of the Secretary and his colleagues in the cabinet.

abinet. Secretary Long showed his interest in the matter, and said that much depended upon the whereabouts of the equadron at the time, but he feared that its plans called for operations on the lime. for operations on the Maine coast in September. Still, he would have as many ships as possible at Philadelphia, and would open the navy yard on naval day.

SPANISH TROOPS ORDERED HOME. Otis Will Supply Their Places at Va cated Posts.

will not occupy Zamboanga.

MADRID, May 16.-Gen. Rice, in command of the Spanish troops remaining in The Mexican ambassador has been asked the Philippine Islands, has called to the war office here announcing that he has entered into an agreement with Maj. Gen. Otis, the American commander, for an immediate Spanish vacuation of Zamboanga and Jolo. Consequently, the dispatch adds, the steamer Leon XIII has started with American troops who will occupy Jolo and render honors to the Spanish flag on the Soldier's Death From Pneumonia. departure of the Spanish troops.

Zamboanga, where the vessel will be met by Gen. Rios with the steamers Porto Rico and Uranus. The Spanish general will superintend the evacuation. The President has appointed William W. The dispatch further says the Americans Colt a second lieutenant, Volunteer Signal

PASSED BY QUARANTINE OFFICIALS REFUSE TO SELL THEIR HOLDINGS PRACTICAL END OF ENTHUSIASM

Its Feelings.

The following address to the American people was issued today by the national Dewey committee, of which Assistant Sec-

retary Vanderlip is chairman: "DEWEY HOME FUND, "National Dewey Committee, "WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16, 1899.

"The American people are anxious to do onor to Admiral Dewey. Their zeal has taken the form of invitations to banquets in many different cities, of celebrations, parades and displays. Obviously, it will be impossible for him to attend all the banquets, and it may be invidious to select one or a few for the honor of his presence. The common sense of our countrymen does not find suitable expression for its admiration and esteem for our great naval hero in methods effervescent and transient.

"A grateful nation cannot do better than provide liberally for Admiral Dewey's comfort in a home fitted to his tastes, worthy in some measure of his services, and indicative in a small degree of the gratitude which is not of a day but of all time. A popular ubscription will afford all the privilege to join in such a testimonial, in

which patriotism will have a monument.
"The career of Admiral Dewey is a part
of our national history, a glorious chapter in the magnificent record of the recent war with Spain. Not in our own country alone, but in all the world, his name is emblazoned with those that shall not die. His services all know in part; the future will add to appreciation of his greatness, to the solidity

and brilliancy of his fame.

"On his return from the scene of his victories and his statesmanship, the official duties of Admiral Dewey will be performed in Washington. He should have a home there. The national capital cannot fail to have attractions for him in the present and the future. For a winter residence during his life he can hardly find a more desirable place. It is for a home for Admiral Dewey in Washington that subscriptions are in-

"Suggestions to this general effect have been put forth in several quarters. As-surances have been conveyed to the under-signed that the general enthusiasm can be directed into a single current through their agency as a national committee. Each of us, busy with manifold occupations, accepts as a duty not to be set aside the task of organizing the popular munificence for this purpose, and of administering the patriotic trust for a Dewey home fund. "Subscriptions may be sent at once to the treasurer of this fund at the Treasury De-partment, Washington, D. C. Temporary

receipts will be promptly returned, and as soon as it can be prepared a duplicate of the same date and number, bearing a fine portrait of Admiral Dewey, will be forwarded to every subscriber. mediate response will enable the national committee to convey to Admiral Dewey as soon as he lands practical evi-dence that the American people have pro-

Temporary

vided for him a home at the nation's capital.
"The committee invites the newspapers of all the

of the country and the governors of all the states to co-operate in this movement. "FRANK A. VANDERLIP, Chairman. "CHARLES H. ALLEN. "HENRY C. CORBIN.
"PERRY S. HEATH.

"ELLIS H. ROBERTS. "Treasurer of the Fund."

All Subscriptions to Be Sent Here. Mr. Vanderlip said today that he thought it best not to complicate the machinery by asking governors of states to become treasurers for funds. He thought the people could just as easily send their subscriptions direct here. That would save time and trouble and would be as convenient as

any method The governors of states are, however asked to co-operate all they can. Among the subscriptions received today was \$250 from E. C. Hollday of this city. At the Treasury Department it has been proposed by one of the clerks that each clerk give a day's salary to the fund. Many

of them have agreed to do this. Some Local Contributions.

Treasurer Roberts will soon begin to give out a daily list of contributors. Many contributions have already been made to newspapers. Two New York papers have collected over \$5,000. One of these papers has received the following contributions from Washington people: A. E. Randle, \$2,000; B. H. Warner, \$1,000; A. Lisner, \$200; John Joy Edson, \$100; Allison Nailor, jr., \$100; Barber & Ross, \$100; M. Dyrenforth & Co. \$100; R. T. Warwick, \$100; Knox & Co. \$100; H. B. Davidson & Co., \$100; Castleberg & Co., \$100; Lansburg & Bro., \$100. Messrs. Daniel K. Trimmer and Geo. P. Robison have offered a site on Fort Myer Heights for a dwelling for Deway. greed to give \$10,000 toward the erection of

home on the site. Mr. Heath, the first assistant postmaster general, one of the most active members of the Dewey committee, believes that a sum considerably in excess of \$100,000 will be subscribed by the people of this country for a home to Admiral Dewey.

Committee of Selection.

Some consideration has been given to the question of a committee to select the home for the admiral, and the opinion is practically unanimous that one man should be chosen. He can confer more freely with the beneficiary than a large committee, which may be divided into factions regarding the matter. Secretary Long has been suggested as the proper man for the duty of pick ing a home and having it furnished. a handsome home to be bought, but it will be elegantly furnished.

Cash Must Accompany Subscription. Rudolph, West & Co. this afternoon sent check for \$100 to Treasurer Roberts. Mr Roberts said this afternoon that he would not give out the names of persons simply agreeing to contribute. The subscriptions must be accompanied by cash to receive public recognition.

Possible Visit From Diaz.

to make inquiry as to whether it would be agreeable to President Diaz to visit the united States next fall, at the time of the celebration of Chicago day. The inquiry has not yet been made, owing to the ambassador's absence in New York to attend a reception tendered him, and it will be some time before it will be officially known whether President Diaz is likely to make the visit.

Gen. Brooke, at Havana, has notified th The Leon XIII will proceed from Jolo to War Department that Private Winfield Hagey, Company I, 7th Caval.y, died at Pinar del Rio from pneumonta. Appointed a Second Lieutenant.

CUBAN GENERALS BLAMED

Believed to Be the Source of the Dispute Over Payment.

Constantly Raised Obstacles in the Way of a Peaceful Disarmament of the Troops.

Gen. Brooke has not yet made a report

to the War Department, and it is not believed at the department that any alarm need be felt regarding the condition of affairs. No advice is given Gen. Brooke, as it has been the policy of the President to clothe the officers in command in the islands with plenary powers to deal with situations as they arise and hold such officers responsible. The confidence of the War Department in Gen. Brooke was strengthened by the visit to Cuba of Secretary Alger, whose personal observation showed that what has been done and what was going forward were for the best interests of all the people of the island. It is said to be the policy of Gen. Brooke to deal mildly with the Cubans and to avoid as far as possible any action which will tend to irritate them, but that he will be firm when it is necessary, and the disturbers will be made to understand that no overt acts will be permitted.

Disgruntled Generals.

If Gen. Brooke has made any report to the War Department it has not been given to the public, but the officials understand that the source of the present trouble is that the "generals" of the Cuban army are disappointed because they are not likely to realize as much out of the money appropriated for the army as they think they should have. These "generals" all believed that they would obtain a proportion of the money equal to their rank and their own estimate of their services. The whole trouble regarding the payment of the money and the delay can be traced directly to their services. to these officers, who, as members of the assembly, or the supporters of Gomez, have constantly raised obstacles in the way of a peaceful disarmament of the Cubans and settlement of the affairs of the island. One thing is assured beyond all other considerations. The United States will remain in absolute and full control of the island and the orders of the officers in command will be sustained by the government at

Difficulties in the Way. Information has reached the War Depart-

ment showing that considerable difficulties are encountered in the payment of the Cuban troops. The men in charge of the money do not yet know what method is to be followed in making the payment or how it is to be conducted. A great deal of work s necessary in connection with receiving the arms and in making sure that the money goes to the proper parties. Many of the Cubans cannot write their names, and already it has been suggested that in such already it has been suggested that in such cases an officer of the organization should certify for such persons. As far as can be learned there are no companies, regiments or brigades of the Cuban army, and the only organization is that of corps. Just how one corps is to be distinguished from another has not yet been ascertained. It was expected that the payment would begin yesterday, but the action of Gen. Gomez postponed the arrangements that had been made for early payment.

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Maj. Elmore F. Taggart of the commissary department has recently returned here

from Cuba and talks interestingly about the conditions which exist there. The rank and file of the Cuban army are negroes, while the officers are Cubans of Spanish descent. It is these officers who are making all the trouble and trying to prevent the Cubans from disbanding. All difficulthe Cubans from disbanding. All difficul-ties could be avoided, says Maj. Taggart if there could be found places in the gov-ernment service for all the officers, with ittle or nothing to do. This is their ide of existence, but it is not the plan of the United States authorities to grant their desires. Maj. Taggart believes that these of-ficers, as far as they can, will foment trouole and incite insurrection if they can, may become absolutely necessary to arrest and punish many of them, as they are the kind of men who are satisfied with nothing but absolute control. That is not possible, Maj. Taggart says, for the government of

island cannot be safely intrusted to such men. Gen. Wilson's Department.

He says that the department under the control of Gen. James H. Wilson is in very good condition. Gen. Wilson knows what is going on in every part of his command and has the respect of the people. They obey him and believe in him. The men that are in authority in the different cities and towns throughout the provinces of Matanzas and Santa Clara know that when he gives an order it must be obeyed or they cannot remain in office.

Another officer whom Maj. Taggart says has his command well under control is Gen. Carpenter, in Puerto Principe. In all the provinces named the Cubans are nearly all disarmed, and where they can find employment, are at work.

The major says great desolation prevails in the island, and many plantations are now covered with undergrowth, which will cost as much to reclaim as the land is worth. Many families seem to be absolutely without means of subsistence, and they vill have to be cared for until they can raise some crops or get employment.

CAPTURED FILIPINO FLAG.

It Will Be Sent to the Naval Academy

at Annapolis. The first genuine Filipino flag to be captured during the present insurrection has just reached the Navy Department. This particular flag is interesting for several reasons, but mainly because it was a subject of controversy between the army and navy officers. It was captured at Ileflo by Lieut. A. P. Niblack. The inscription reads: "Flag of insurgent Filipinos, captured at fort at Uoilo, P. I., by landing party from U. S. B. Boston and Petrel, commanded by Lieut. A. P. Niblack, U. S. N., February 11, 1899."

The sailors from the Boston were the first ashore at Iloilo, and this particular flag was captured by Lieut. Niblack when the insurgents fled from the town. Gen. Miller, in command of the troops, demanded the flag, but was refused. The flag is about twelve feet long, and

was originally a tri-color, red, white and blue, being composed of a white triangle on the staff, with broad upper stripe of blue and lower of red. The blue stripe, however, being made of cheap Chinese bunting, has faded into a nondescript the stripe. It will be sent to the Annapolis

AFTER THIRTY YEARS' SERVICE. Retirement of Col. Pearson and Mai. Brown.

Col. E. P. Pearson of the 10th Infantry.

serving in Cuba, and Major Hugh Brown of the 12th Infantry, serving in the Philippines, were placed on the retired list of the army today on their own applications, after thirty years' service. These retirements have resulted in the following promotions: Lieutenant Colonel E. P. Ewers of the 9th Infantry to be colonel of the 10th Infantry, Major Charles A. Coolidge of the 7th Infantry to be lieutenant colonel of the 9th Infantry, and Captains Willis Wittich of the 21st Infantry and W. H. W. James of the 24th Infantry to be majors.

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New York's Mayor Before Mazet Investigating Committee.

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PERJURY AMONG POLICE

NEW YORK, May 16 .- The Mazet investigating committee resumed its sessions here today, after a prolonged recess. A fairsized crowd was on hand early, among them being Mayor Van Wyck, who, with the heads of various city departments, had been summoned to appear today. It was innounced that the committee will sit daily Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until its work is concluded; but this program will be interfered with by the extra session of the legislature, which begins

on Monday next. A policeman was sworn, who testified that on the night of May 4 he saw two of his fellow officers dancing with women in a disreputable resort. The policemen in question had just sworn that they knew oothing about the particular dive mentioned. Mr. Moss, counsel for the committee, explained that he had called these witnesses to show the lack of discipline in the

Mayor Van Wyck Called.

Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck was then alled and sworn.

In reply to a question from Mr. Moss, the nayor said that he had not yet come to a onclusion whether the office of borough conclusion whether the office of borough president served any particular good use to the city government. However, he did not think that the charter should be disturbed until it had a fair trial.

When asked if he had come across any evidence of the work of the board of municipal statistics, the mayor replied:

"I think they made a report to me. I do not remember all these things, you know."

When asked if he knew that there had been no printed report of the police depart-

been no printed report of the police depart-ment since 1897, Mayor Van Wyck said: "I don't know. They put them in there pretty fast. The volume of business is so great I

annot follow all these details."
Mr. Moss inquired a good deal into the ureau of statistics, and finally the mayor "I know Nagel (chief of the bureau) pes-

ters me to publish everything he thinks of. He is like you," added the mayor, address-ing Mr. Moss; "he pays a good deal of attention to the newspaper reports.'

His Relations With Croker.

most everything. I can't tell you. It would

not have had any influence on me if he

"But you do consult with him about city "No, sir: I don't consult with him about city matters." 'Did you not consult with him at Lake-

wood about the appointment of heads of, city departments?"
"No, sir; I talked with every one. I think very one in New York asked me for posi-Subsequently the mayor said he had a

running conversation" with Mr. Carroll (Mr. Croker's lieutenant) regarding

No Fireproof Building in City. Mr. Moss read from the City Record that the chief engineer had reported that there was no sign of fireproof construction in the building into which the health department is about to move, and the mayor retorted: "There isn't a fireproof building in New

ed as the nominee of Tammany Hall.
"I was elected by the democratic of Greater New York," he declared. The mayor and Mr. Moss had some disa-greement over the meaning of the word "sponsor," which the mayor had used in

Mr. Van Wyck denied that he was elect-

his first annual report. INDEMNITY WILL BE ASKED.

Claim for the Detention of the French

Steamer Olinde Rodriguez.

The release of the French merchant steamer Olinde Rodriguez, under the decision of the United States Supreme Court yesterday, doubtless will be followed by the presentation to the State Department of a claim for indemnity. Outside of the contest in the courts, the case has been the subject of much diplomatic exchange between the French embassy and the State Department. The matter was in a fair way of adjustment after United States Circuit Judge Brawley, at Charleston, decided that the vessel should be released. If the French company had taken the vessel at that time the matter would have ended. But as a condition of accepting the vessel the company made known that a claim for damages for the detention and loss up to that time would be made. Attorney General Griggs thereupon decided to contest the case through the last court, with a view to having Judge Brawley's decision re-versed. This left the question of damages pending, and now that the Supreme Court has ruled on the matter it is expected that the claim will be made up and presented through the French embassy. It is said that the action of the court in

It is said that the action of the court in holding that the vessel could not recover for detention and loss, while binding in a suit at law, is no bar to the diplomatic con-sideration of a claim by the two govern-ments. The Rodriguez is now at New York, and has been out of service for nine months pending a final decision. It is understood the claim will cover the loss on these nine months, the loss on the original cargo, as well as compensation for the inlignity which the captain and crew claim to have suffered by reason of the seizure by

the cruiser New Orleans. COL. BARR'S BRIEF.

Views in the Carter Case Sent to the Attorney General.

The brief prepared by Lieut, Col. Barr of the judge advocate general's office in the case of Capt. Carter, Corps of Engineers, which replies to the brief submitted to the Attorney General by the attorneys of Capt, Carter, was forwarded to Attorney General Griggs today. It is expected that oral Griggs today. It is expected that oral hearings will be granted after the Attorney General has had time to examine Col Barr's brief.

SECRETARY PORTER BACK.

Will Be Ready to Resume Work When the President Returns. Secretary John Addison Porter has returned to Washington, much improved in

health and prepared to resume his duties at the White House within a few days, or by the time the President returns.